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RE: Docket numbers: 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197

Dear Docket Managers:

**CRUELTY AND CONTAMINATION ARE LINKED !**

Your agency was petitioned in April, 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay. Forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs. There are many scientific studies that show forced molting promotes disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems. Why are we starving an animal to begin with in the first place? This is insane. Please stop it now.

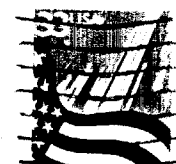
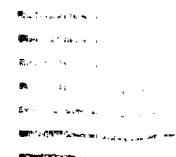
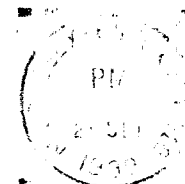
Very truly yours,

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